

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 17 of the original application, the fifth full paragraph on page 17, corresponding to paragraph [0040] of the published application, please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0040] FIG. 1 represents a perspective view of a first exemplary embodiment of a connecting element according to the invention. The connecting element forms a bracket element 1 ~~[[is]]~~ configured ~~having to have~~ uneven leg members ~~and comprises~~ including a first member 2 and a second member 3, wherein the first member 2 has a length that is longer than the length of the second member 3. Each of the members 2, 3 has spaced elongated sides 8, 9, respectively, with the members 2, 3 extending in elongated directions 8.1, 8.2, respectively. The bracket element is, for example, made from a steel flat or sheet as a punch/bend part. An elongated opening is arranged in the first member 2, whose minimal length corresponds to the sum of the length from the double of the spacing of the openings in the support to which the first member 2 is arranged and the inside diameter of the opening of the support. Preferably, in the described support it is a system support for an assembly system. The supports have, for example, openings in the form of a square hole with an inside diameter of 13.5 mm and a grid spacing of the openings of 50.0 mm. The length of the elongated opening 4 is, relative to the aforementioned conditions, approximately 115.0 mm, wherein two fastening element can be arranged in the elongated opening 4.

At pages 19-21 of the original application, the second full paragraph on page 19 to the first partial paragraph on page 21, corresponding to paragraphs [0044] to [0046] of the published application, please amend the paragraphs as follows:

[0044] The notches are, for example, configured as prism teeth and have in this exemplary embodiment a tooth pitch t of 2.5 mm., forming respective corrugations 10.1, 10.2 extending outwardly from a surface 2.1, 3.1 of the members 2, 3, respectively. The corrugations 10.1, 10.2 have a first wall 2.2, 3.2, respectively, generally parallel to and spaced outwardly from the surface 2.1, 3.1. A first side wall 2.3 and a second side wall 3.3 extend, respectively, from the first wall 2.2, 3.2 to the surface 2.1, 3.1 from which each corrugation 10.1, 10.2 extends. Each of the first side wall 2.3 and the second side wall 3.3 face the respectively openings in each of the members 2, 3. With the combination of openings configured as elongated openings 4 and 5 in the bracket element and the notches and complementary notches that can be brought into engagement with each other, the bracket element 1 can be stepwise displaced in a grid of, for example, 5.0 mm along the support, although the support has a grid spacing of the openings of 50.0 mm. This illustration covers the constructions usually erected in practice.

[0045] Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of a second exemplary embodiment of a connecting element according to the invention. The connecting element forms a bracket element 11 ~~[[is,]]~~ similar to the bracket element 1, configured with unequal members ~~and comprises~~ including a first member 12 and a second member 13. Each of the members 12, 13 has spaced elongated sides 28, 29, respectively, with the members 12, 13 extending in elongated directions 28.1, 28.2, respectively. The bracket element 11 is likewise used in the connection of two system supports of an assembly system, which has the hereinbefore described arrangement of the openings in their outer walls. The length of the elongated opening 14 in the first member 12 accordingly is approximately 115.0 mm. The length of the elongated opening 15 in the second member 13 is approximately 65.00 mm. A corrugation or stiffening rib 16 is formed on the first member 12 and as is a corrugation or stiffening rib 17 on the second member 13, forming respective corrugations 30.1, 30.2 having corrugation rows 18.1, 18.2, 19.1, 19.2, respectively, extending outwardly from a surface 12.1, 13.1 of the members 12, 13, respectively. The corrugations 30.1, 30.2 have a first wall 12.2, 13.2, respectively, generally parallel to and spaced outwardly from the surface 12.1, 13.1. A first side wall 12.3 and a second side wall 13.3 extend, respectively, from the first wall 12.2, 13.2 to the surface 12.1, 13.1 from which each corrugation 30.1, 30.2 extends. Each of the first side wall 12.3 and the second side wall 13.3 face the respectively openings in each of the members 12, 13. The system support, for example, has recesses on its outer walls. The corrugation or stiffening ribs 16 and 17 are preferably complementary to the recesses in the outer walls of the support so that the bracket element 11 fastened to the supports makes contact entirely on the surface of an outside of the support. The ~~tooth-like notches~~ toothing 20 and 21 are formed by rolling on the corrugation rows 18.1 and

18.2 and corrugation rows 19.1 and 19.2. The complementary ~~tooth-like notches~~ toothings engage in the ~~tooth-like notches~~ toothings 20 and 21 of the fastening elements.

[0046] A third exemplary embodiment is shown in FIGS. 3, 3a, and 4, with a top view of [[a]] the third exemplary embodiment of a connecting element according to the invention [[is]] being represented in Fig. 3. The connecting element forms a front attachment member 31 comprises which includes a base plate 32 and a connection member 33. Each of the members 32, 33 has spaced elongated sides 38, 39, respectively, with the members 32, 33 extending in elongated directions 38.1, 38.2, respectively. The support to be connected to the front attachment member 31 is pushed over the connection member 33 and affixed thereto using a fastening element. The outer contour of the connection member 33 is essentially complementary to the inner contour of the support to be connected. The base plate 32 has two elongated openings 34 and 35 fastening the front attachment member 31 to a hereinbefore described system support, wherein for the arrangement of two fastening elements in each elongated opening 34 and 35 their lengths, similar to the aforementioned, are approximately 115.0 mm. The connection member 33 is welded between the elongated openings 34 and 35 on the base plate 32. A corrugation or stiffening rib 36 is formed on the base plate 32 over its entire length and is preferably complementary to at least one of the outer contours of the support on which the front attachment member 31 is arranged. Respective corrugations 40.1, 40.2 are formed which extend outwardly from a surface 32.1, 33.1 of the members 32, 33, respectively. The corrugations 40.1, 40.2 have a first wall 32.2, 33.2, respectively, generally parallel to and spaced outwardly from the surface 32.1, 33.1. A first side wall 32.3 and a second side wall 33.3 extend, respectively, from the first wall 32.2, 33.2 to the surface 32.1, 33.1 from which each corrugation 40.1, 40.2 extends. Each of the first side wall 32.3 and the second side wall 33.3 face the respectively

openings in each of the members 32, 33. The notches 37.1 and 37.2 of the front attachment member 31 are formed on the walls of the corrugation. Should the front attachment member 31 be used as a foot element in a construction, for example for arrangement on a concrete floor, the formation of the corrugation 36 in the plate 32 will be omitted, so that the front attachment member lies flat on the concrete floor.

At pages 22-23 of the original application, the last partial paragraph on page 22 to the first partial paragraph on page 33, corresponding to paragraph [0050] of the published application, please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0050] A top view of a fourth exemplary embodiment of a connecting element according to the invention is represented in FIG. 6. [[A]] The connecting element forms a front attachment member 91 comprises which includes a base plate 92, which is configured essentially like the base plate 32 of the front attachment means 31, note FIG. 3, and a connection member 93. The support to be connected to the front attachment means 91 is pushed over the connection member 92 and affixed to it using fastening element. The connection member 93 comprises four connection flanges 94.1, 94.2, 95.1 and 95.2, which are fabricated from steel flat sections. Each of the opposing connection flanges 94.1 and 94.2 or 95.1 and 95.2 are of identical configuration. The outer contour of the connection member 93 is essentially complementary to the inner contour of the support to be connected. The connection flanges 94.1, 94.2, 95.1 and 95.2 of the connection member 93 are welded between the elongated openings in the base plate 92. As in the connection member 33, a plurality of openings are provided in the connection flanges 94.1, 94.2, 95.1 and 95.2 of the connection member 93 and the fastening element for affixing the support to be connected to the connection member 93 are passed through the openings. Respective corrugations 90.1, 90.2 are formed which extend outwardly from a surface 92.1 of the base plate 92. The corrugations 90.1, 90.2 have a first wall 92.2, generally parallel to and spaced outwardly from the surface 92.1. A first side wall 92.3 extends from the first wall 92.2 to the surface 92.1 from which each corrugation 90.1, 90.2 extends. The first side wall 92.3 faces the respectively openings in each of the base plate 92.